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Dear Joshua:

Thanks for your letter telling me the encouraging news about the Heart Institute fellowship, which I hope will come out as you predict.

In the mean time I have an offer of a professorship in the Medical School of Chile in Santiago. It is a very attractive offer considering it is permanent and that the school has just finished new buildings with very modern laboratories and they are anxious to develop a solid research program. The only difficulty with the proposition is that a special law will have to be passed by the Congress authorizing a non M.D. to teach in the Medical School. The position will not be available until January, 1954 but could be postponed until April, 1954. I don't know how my accepting the position will affect my applying to work in Madison.

About working in your Lab during the summer I certainly would like very much to do it. I am very interested in the field of bacterial genetics and I think I would profit a great deal by cooperating in one of your projects during that time.

I am leaving Urbana by the end of this week. Between that time and the 1st of June I will be in Evanston at Raquel's house. I will possibly see you at the C. S. Harbor meeting. If anything of importance occurs you can write to me to 1003 Grove St. - Evanston, Ill.

Thanks again. Best regards to Esther and you.

Sincerely yours,


Boris Rotman

P.S. Otto says they are coming up there this weekend.